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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-54 (canceled)

Claim 55 (previously presented): An apparatus for supporting an arrow relative to a bow, comprising:

a mounting bracket configured for attaching to a bow;

an arrow rest coupled to said mounting bracket being movable relative thereto between a first position and a second position, said arrow rest supporting a shaft of an arrow relative thereto when said arrow rest is in said first and said second positions;

an arrow retaining member extending over said arrow rest for retaining the shaft of the arrow relative to said arrow rest when said arrow rest is in said first position; and

a linkage mechanism coupled to said arrow rest and for coupling to a cable of a bow for actuating said arrow rest upon movement of the cable of the bow.

Claim 56 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising a shaft rotatably coupled to the mounting bracket and attached to the arrow rest.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 56, further comprising a pivotable member fixedly attached to said shaft and coupled to said linkage mechanism whereby movement of said linkage mechanism causes rotation of said pivotable member and rotation of said shaft relative to said mounting bracket.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 57, wherein said arrow rest and said pivotable member are on opposite sides of said mounting bracket.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 55, further including a biasing member for biasing said arrow rest relative to said mounting bracket.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 55, wherein said arrow rest defines a channel for at least partially receiving the shaft of the arrow.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 60, wherein said arrow retaining member is configured to cooperate with said arrow rest for holding the shaft of the arrow relative to said arrow rest when said arrow rest is in said first position.

Claim 62 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 55, wherein said arrow retaining member comprises a clamping member having a first portion for holding the shaft of an arrow

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and a second portion for engaging with an abutment surface to return said ~~elongate~~ arrow retaining member to a clamping position as said arrow rest moves between said first and second positions.

Claim 63 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 62, wherein said clamping member is biased relative to said arrow rest to an open position so as to automatically open when said arrow rest moves to said second position.

Claim 64 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 57, wherein said linkage mechanism comprises a linkage member coupled between said pivotable member and a cable bracket.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 55, wherein said linkage mechanism comprises a cable coupled to a biasing member for providing bias in said cable.

Claim 66 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 65, further including a cable adjustment mechanism for adjusting the effective length of the cable.

Claim 67 (previously presented): An apparatus for supporting an arrow relative to a bow, comprising:

a mounting structure configured for coupling to the riser of a bow;
a rotatable shaft coupled to said mounting structure;
an arrow support structure coupled to said rotatable shaft and being pivotable upon rotation of said rotatable shaft between a first position and a second position;
an arrow retaining member extending over said arrow support structure for holding the arrow relative to the arrow support structure when said arrow support structure is in said first position; and
a linkage mechanism for coupling the rotatable shaft to a cable of the bow to cause movement of said arrow support structure between said first position and said second position upon movement of the cable of the bow.

Claim 68 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, further comprising a pivotable member fixedly attached to said shaft and coupled to said linkage mechanism whereby movement of said linkage mechanism causes rotation of said pivotable member and rotation of said shaft relative to said mounting structure.

Claim 69 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 68, wherein said arrow support structure and said pivotable member are on opposite sides of said mounting structure.

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Claim 70 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, further including a biasing member for biasing said pivotable member relative to said mounting structure.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein said arrow support structure defines a channel for at least partially receiving and supporting an arrow.

Claim 72 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 71, wherein said arrow retaining member is configured to cooperate with the channel of the arrow support structure for retaining the arrow relative to the arrow support structure.

Claim 73 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein said arrow retaining member comprises a first portion for holding an arrow and a second portion for engaging with an abutment surface to return said arrow retaining member to a clamping position.

Claim 74 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 73, wherein said arrow retaining member is biased relative to said arrow support structure to automatically release the arrow when said arrow support structure moves to said second position.

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Claim 75 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 68, wherein said linkage mechanism comprises a linkage member coupled between said pivotable member and a cable of a bow.

Claim 76 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 75, wherein said linkage member is resilient.

Claim 77 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 68, wherein said linkage mechanism comprises a linkage member coupled between said pivotable member and a cable bracket.

Claim 78 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 67, wherein said linkage mechanism comprises a cable coupled to a biasing member for providing bias in said cable.

Claim 79 (currently amended): An apparatus for supporting an arrow relative to a bow, comprising:

a mounting member for coupling to a bow;

an arrow rest coupled to said mounting ~~bracket~~ member and being movable relative thereto

between a first resting position and a second position, said arrow rest configured for supporting a shaft of an arrow relative thereto ~~and for preventing the shaft of the arrow from falling from said at least one arrow rest when said arrow rest is in said first resting position; and~~

at least one shaft retaining member coupled to said arrow rest and extending above the shaft of the arrow when said arrow rest is in said first resting position for preventing the shaft of the arrow from falling from said arrow rest when said arrow rest is in said first resting position; and

a linkage mechanism coupled between said arrow rest and a cable of a bow for actuating said arrow rest between said first resting position and said second position.

Claim 80 (canceled)

Claim 81 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 79, further comprising an elongate shaft rotatably coupled to the mounting member and attached to the arrow rest whereby rotation of said elongate shaft causes pivotal movement of said arrow rest relative to said mounting member.

Claim 82 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 79, wherein movement of said linkage mechanism causes vertical movement of said arrow rest relative to said mounting member.

Claim 83 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 80, further comprising a pivotable member fixedly attached to said shaft and coupled to said linkage mechanism whereby

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movement of said linkage mechanism causes rotation of said pivotable member and rotation of said shaft relative to said mounting member.

Claim 84 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 83, wherein said arrow rest and said pivotable member are on opposite sides of said mounting member.

Claim 85 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 83, further including a biasing member for biasing said pivotable member relative to said mounting member.

Claim 86 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 79, wherein said arrow rest defines a channel for receiving the shaft of the arrow.

Claim 87 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 80, wherein said shaft retaining member comprises a clamping portion for holding the shaft of the arrow relative to said arrow rest.

Claim 88 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 80, wherein said shaft retaining member is biased relative to said arrow rest to an open position so as to automatically open when said arrow rest moves to said second position.

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Claim 89 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 80, wherein said shaft retaining member releases the shaft of the arrow when said arrow rest is in said second position.

Claim 90 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 83, wherein said linkage mechanism comprises a linkage member coupled between said pivotable member and a cable bracket.

Claim 91 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 79, wherein said linkage mechanism comprises a cable.